THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The outstanding advances and credit: deposit ratio of State Bank of Indore as on the last Friday of December, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 are given below:

	Advances (Rs. Crores)	Credit : Deposit Ratio(%)
December, 1985	295	74.1
December, 1986	389	79.1
December, 1987	496	77.1
December, 1988	650	81.3

(c) The credit : deposit ratio of State Bank of Indore was higher than all-India Credit : deposit ratio of all public sector banks as a group which stood at 62.1%, 59.1%, 57.0% and 56.2% for the years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 respectively.

(d) Does not arise.

Measures to improve condition of Tea Garden Workers in Assam

304. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board Management has taken any steps for securing better working conditions, improving amenities and giving incentives to the tea garden workers in Assam ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Tea Board undertakes supplementary welfare programmes and schemes for the benefit of tea plantation workers and their dependents through various schemes like (i) Grant of educational stipend to the wards of tea garden workers, and (ii) financial assistance to various institutions and organisations under General Welfare Schemes for the benefit to tea garden workers and their dependents.

Payment of Customs Duty by Bombay Dyeing on DMT Plants

305. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1095 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has disposed of the appeal filed by Government regarding the payment of customs duty on DMT Plant by M/s Bombay Dyeing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what further action is being contemplated by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA) :

(a) The Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has not yet disposed of the Miscellaneous Application filed by the Department for early hearing and decision.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.